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SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...the most needy of...

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes. Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...of these folks?

SENATOR JENSEN: You know, Norfolk, I would hope that they...if this plan goes to fruition, that there will be community-based services of secure and acute, right in their...only they'll be community-based services rather than regional services.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. But as far as the language of the bill is concerned, there's no guarantee at this point that that equivalent service would be in the same region necessarily?

SENATOR JENSEN: Oh, I think the plan will show you that there will be. Remember, we've got a period of time here. We've got...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: This is April. If the bill passes, you got May, June, July, August, for those services to come up. And there are a lot of those services that are already available within the regions.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Would there be any objection to something that required the equivalent service to be in the equivalent region?

SENATOR JENSEN: I think LB 1083 requires that, that they must be.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. It's some language that's someplace other than right here, then?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, it says that...that is part of the plan. The plan has to be approved. Remember, we got this oversight committee that's going to look at that plan. That's exactly the kind of things they're going to look at. Are the appropriate